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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Laura L. Stockton, Ph.D.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 August 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 8-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 9-13 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5,6,8 and 14 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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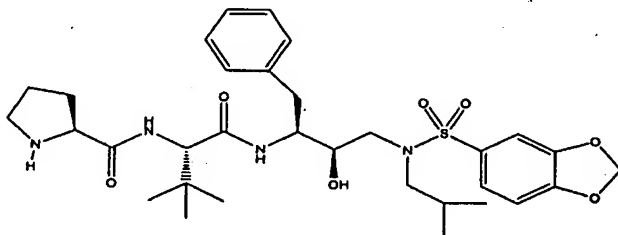
DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-6 and 8-14 are pending in the application.

Election/Restrictions

Applicants' election of Group I, and the species of Example 37 on pages 92-95 (reproduced below) in the reply filed on January 18, 2005 was acknowledged in the previous Office Action.

2S-[[[(pyrrolidin-2-yl)carbonyl]amino]-N-[2R-hydroxy-3-[[[(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)sulfonyl]
(2-methylpropyl)amino]-1S-(phenylmethyl)propyl]-3,3-dimethylbutamide.



Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)). The

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requirement was deemed proper and made FINAL in the previous Office Action.

Claims 9-13 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on January 18, 2005.

Terminal Disclaimer

The terminal disclaimer filed on August 15, 2005 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent No. 6,673,822, U.S. Patent No. 6,407,134, U.S. Patent No. 5,776,971, U.S. Patent No. 5,972,989, U.S. Patent No. 6,063,795, U.S. Patent No. 6,172,101 and U.S. Patent No. 6,214,861. has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 2-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 2, the substituted aryls (e.g., 4-methoxyphenyl) and the substituted benzo fused heteroaryls (e.g., 2-amino-benzothiazol-5-yl) under the definition of R⁴ lacks antecedent basis from claim 1 since it is not stated in claim 1 that these rings are optionally substituted. See the R²¹ variable definition in claim 2; the definitions of R⁴ and R²⁰ in claim 3; and the definition of R⁴ in claim 4 for same.

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Response to Arguments

Applicants' arguments filed August 15, 2005 have been fully considered. Applicants argue that the terms "aryl" and "heteroaryl" as defined in the specification on pages 15 and 17, respectively, embraces these substituents being optionally substituted. In response, since it is not stated in claim 1 that these rings are optionally substituted, claims 2-4 lack antecedent basis from claim 1.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 5, 6, 8 and 14 are allowed over the art of record.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

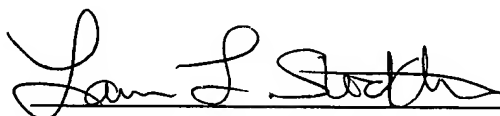
This application contains claims 8-13 drawn to an invention nonelected without traverse in the reply filed January 18, 2005. A complete reply, if any, to the final rejection must include cancellation of nonelected claims (37 CFR 1.144) See MPEP § 821.01.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laura L. Stockton whose telephone number is (571) 272-0710. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 6:15 am to 2:45 pm. If the examiner is out of the Office, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane, can be reached on (571) 272-0699.

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